

## D'61 DAM Article – March/April 2018 (Final)

The calendar year 2017 has come to a close and the Class of '61 has much to be thankful for ---- many classmates still very much alive and active, several classmates still achieving, a finalist nod (under the leadership of **Don O'Neill**, class president) for the coveted Class of the Year award and the recipient of one of only three Special Commendation Certificates granted by the Class Officers Association Executive Committee (COAEC) for fiscal 2016/2017. However, unfortunately, we again lost several classmates this year, deceased classmates who were someone's roommate, teammate, fraternity brother, classmate, friend.

I don't usually cover a classmate's passing within our DAM Class Notes column, as our allotted word count is now too limited and obituaries are better and more timely presented by **Harris McKee** on our class website, **Tom Conger** in our class newsletter and the College on its on-line portal for obituaries from all classes. Once in a while, however, a high-achieving classmate passes away without having received adequate public recognition by Dartmouth or by the class while still alive.

**ED Victor** was just such a classmate. Ed was not very active while at Dartmouth or as an alumnus. However, within the literary world, Ed had become a renowned and "colorful" literary agent in London who counted rock stars, famous actors/actresses and well-known authors among his clients. Ed's crowning achievement occurred in 2016 (he died in June 2017) when he was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire by the Queen for his services to publishing and literature. The NY Times probably stated it best in an extensive *Postscript* follow-up article to an earlier extensive obituary, where it printed that Ed Victor "made his own myth a reality".

**John King** reported that he was now the chair of the board for *Golf Fore Africa*, a non-profit foundation which assists in providing clean water to villages in Zambia. The organization was founded by LPGA Hall of Fame golfer, Betsy King (no relation to John), more than eight years ago and, according to John, has since improved significantly the lives of the men, women and children of those African villages.

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